



STK-071 CPA2 (CRF#137)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : David C. Rueger and Marjorie M. Tucker
Serial No. : 08/822,186 Confirmation No.: 6062
Filed : March 20, 1997
Examiner : D. Romeo
Group Art Unit : 1647
For : IMPROVED OSTEOGENIC DEVICES AND METHODS
OF USE THEREOF FOR REPAIR OF
ENDOCHONDRAL BONE AND OSTEOCHONDRAL
DEFECTS

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Hon. Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in reply to the January 13, 2003
Restriction Requirement in the above-identified
application. Applicants are filing this reply before the
expiration of the shortened statutory period for this reply
-- April 13, 2003 -- and thus no extension fee is due.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

* An "Appendix of Amendments" is attached as Exhibit A,
showing the claim amendments.

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